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SUMMARY: ACP CONFERENCE ENDED FRIDAY JUNE 6 WITH PROMULGATION OF THE QUOTE GEORGETOWN AGREEMENT UNQUOTE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT ACP GROUP SHOULD BE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED. CONFERENCE DID NOT RPT NOT RESULT IN NAMING OF SEC GEN NOR WAS PERMANENT SECRETARIAT SET UP. QUESTION OF BUDGET AND CONTRIBUTIONS STILL UNRESOLVED. EEC AGAIN CRITICIZED FOR ATTEMPTING TO IMPOSE REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO LOME CONVENTION UNILATERALLY. WHILE NOT RPT NOT COMPLETE FAILURE, MEETING RESULTED IN LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE. NEXT ACP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MALAWI. END SUMMARY.

1. PRINCIPAL OUTCOME OF ACP CONFERENCE FULL SESSION OF WHICH LASTED TWO DAYS, WAS PROMULGATION OF SO-CALLED GEORGETOWN AGREEMENT.

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AGREEMENT IS SIMPLY LIST OF ACP OBJECTIVES COVERING LOME CONVENTION

IMPLEMENTATION; TRADE, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS AMONG ACP STATES; PROMOTION OF REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION; AND PROMOTION OF NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. GOG PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT GEORGETOWN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN NAMED SUCH QUOTE IN TRIBUTE TO PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE MINISTER SHRIDATH RAMPHAL...UNQUOTE. AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR DRAFT OF INSTRUMENT WHICH WILL FORMALLY ESTABLISH ACP GROUP. SIGNING CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT NEXT MEETING.

2. CONFERENCE IS NOTABLE MORE FOR WHAT IT DID NOT ACCOMPLISH. UNABLE TO AGREE ON SECGEN CANDIDATE, DECISION TAKEN TO CONTINUE TEMPORARY SECRETARIAT WITH SYLLA (MALI) IN CHARGE FOR REMAINDER OF 1975. NO RPT NO FINAL APPROVAL OF BUDGET, NOR METHOD OF CONTRIBUTION. IT WILL BE LEFT TO COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS IN BRUSSELS TO WORK OUT DETAILS FOR FINANCING ORGANIZATION.

3. EEC WAS CRITICIZED IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE AS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS QUOTE...EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER THE GRAVE DIFFICULTIES

CREATED FOR CERTAIN ACP STATES BY COMMUNITY ACTION IN RELATION TO BEEF AND VEAL, MANDATED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACP MINISTERIAL BUREAU TO PURSUE THESE MATTERS DIRECTLY WITH THE COMMUNITY. UNQUOTE. COUNCIL ALSO ENDORSED PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM'S COMMENT IN HIS OPENING SESSION SPEECH THAT LOME CONVENTION QUOTE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO BECOME A MERE EXERCISE IN EUROPEAN PUBLIC RELATIONS. UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT: FROM DEARTH OF SUBSTANCE AND PRIVATE ADMISSION BY SEVERAL DELEGATES TO EMBOFFS, GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE WAS AT BEST POORLY PREPARED. SOME OF DELEGATES WERE FROM NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON MISSIONS AND HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN WELL BRIEFED FOR WORK SESSIONS. CONFERENCE WAS LARGELY A BURNHAM PR EVENT, WHETHER BY DESIGN OR NOT, AND HAD EFFECT OF ADVANCING BURNHAM'S THIRD-WORLD FATHER IMAGE. WE ASSUME THAT BY YEAR'S END WHEN NEXT MEETING IS HELD IN MALAWI, STAFF OF TEMPORARY SECRETARIAT AND BRUSSELS AMBASSADORS WILL HAVE WORKED OUT FINANCING ARRANGEMENT AND STAFFING PATTERN FOR PERMANENT SECRETARIAT. EMBASSY POUCHING FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE TO DEPT AND BRUSSELS.
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